U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

Date:

December 1, 1997

Subject:

Bossert Manufacturing Site

Utica, Oneida County, New York

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START

POLREP NO. 8

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:

S7

Delivery Order No.:

2101-02-010

NYD002249563

Response Authority:

CERCLA

ERNS No.:

N/A

CERCLIS No.: NPL Status:

Non-NPL

Action Memo Status:

Approved on 9/26/97

Start Date:

9/30/97

Demobilization Date:

N/A

Completion Date:

N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. <u>Incident Category</u>

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

11/17/97 - 11/26/97: Four truckloads of PCB contaminated debris totaling 100 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill during this work period. To date, 21 truckloads with a combined volume of 565 cubic yards have left the site. On November 18, three truckloads of PCB contaminated kiln dust and carbon powder weighing approximately 66 tons were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, nine truckloads with a combined weight of approximately 200 tons have left the site. One roll-off dumpster of salvageable steel and scrap metal was removed the site on November 20. Recovered funds will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling.

On November 17, a 1,000 gallon propane tank was delivered to site. The tank will be used as a fuel source for the heating system attached to the 20,000 gallon water tank. The tank was filled on November 18 with water supplied from a public fire hydrant adjacent to the site property.

START continued to conduct contractor monitoring, health and safety oversight, and documentation.

The site was demobilized for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS and START will remobilize to site on December 1. Loadout of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder will resume on December 2.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1997 *

ERRS Contractor	\$ 2,010,903
START Contractor Costs	134,745
Intramural Costs	219,311
TOTAL	\$ 2,364,959
Project Ceiling	\$ 5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining	60.5%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Wastestream	Medium	Quantity	Containment- Migration Control	Treatment	Disposal
РСВ	Contaminated debris	565 cubic yards	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
РСВ	Kiln dust & spent carbon	200 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY

VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material Quantity Funds Recovered				
Scrap Metal	44.4 tons	\$ 2,442.00		

^{*} This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.